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1. SUMMARY: AAFLI TEAM ARRIVED JAKARTA APRIL 25 FOR TALKS WITH GOI, LABOR MOVEMENT AND EMBASSY OFFICIALS. VISIT RESULTED IN AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE TO AAFLI SUPPORTING FBSI (ALL INDONESIA LABOR FEDERATION) PROGRAMS IN FIELD OF COOPERATIVES AND RELATED PROJECTS THROUGH SERIES OF SEMINARS IN CONJUNCTION WITH NATIONAL COOPERATIVE ACADEMY PERSONNEL. TOTAL ESTIMATED COST OF SEMINARS AAFLI US \$33,300. MINISTER SUBROTO AND LABOR MOVEMENT OFFICIALS ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT PROPOSALS. MISSION CONCURS. END SUMMARY.

2. AAFLI TEAM OF REGIONAL DIRECTOR JACK MUTH AND REGIONAL TECHNICAL OFFICER GENE DE LA TORRE ARRIVED JAKARTA APRIL 25 FOR TALKS WITH FBSI, EMBASSY, AND TKTK (MINISTER FOR MANPOWER, TRANSMIGRATION AND COOPERATIVES) OFFICIALS TO EXPLORE POSSIBLE WORKING RELATIONS AND PROJECTS.

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EM TKTK MINISTER SUBROTO AND DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR COOPERATIVES SOEDJONO APRIL 28 AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO AAFLI SUPPORTING FBSI PROGRAMS IN THE FIELD OF COOPERATIVES DEVELOPMENT AND RELATED TRAINING PROJECTS. MINISTER SUBROTO CURRENTLY PLACING THE HIGHEST PRIORITY ON DEVELOPMENT OF COOPERATIVES, PARTICULARLY " MULTI-PURPOSE VILLAGE COOPERATIVES" (SEE OUR LABATT' S MEMCON OF MEETING WITH SUBROTO APRIL 28).

4. ON APRIL 30, MINISTRY, AAFLI AND FBSI REPRESENTATIVES MET IN TKTK BUILDING TO DISCUSS PROCEDURAL STEPS AND LEGAL REQUIREMENTS IN ESTABLISHING COOPERATIVES AND COOPERATIVE TRAINING PROGRAMS. SUBSTANTIAL AGREEMENT WAS REACHED.

5. AAFLI PROGRAM PLANS AS NOW PROJECTED DIFFERENT FROM THOSE OUTLINED IN PARAS 2-4 OF REFTTEL. CURRENT PLANS ARE:
A) THREE DAYS COOPERATIVE ORIENTATION SEMINAR IN EARLY JUNE FOR 25 MAN FBSI CENTRAL EXECUTIVE BOARD. OBJECTIVES ARE TO ESTABLISH FBSI ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITMENT TO COOPERATIVES AND TO COMPLY WITH LEGAL REQUIREMENTS IN PURSUIT FBSI COOPERATIVE FEDERATION STATUS. AAFLI COOP EXPERT WOULD BE PRESENT. COST OF THIS FIRST SEMINAR ESTIMATED AT \$1300 FOR AAFLI EXPERT SERVICES AND ARRANGEMENTS. B) ONCE FBSI HAS SUBMITTED REQUIRED LEGAL DOCUMENTS (BASICALLY ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION), 25 CANDIDATES WILL BE CHOSEN TO PARTICIPATE IN ONE MONTH COOPERATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAM AIMED AT DEVELOPING FBSI COOPERATIVE FIELD TECHNICIANS. APPROVAL FOR USE OF NATIONAL COOPERATIVE ACADEMY HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM DIRECTOR GENERAL SOEDJONO. STAFF OF NATIONAL ACADEMY WILL BE CONDUCTING TRAINING PROGRAM. AAFLI COOP EXPERT PERHAPS PRESENT THIS PHASE. ESTIMATED COST OF THIS TO AAFLI \$3, 500. FOR EXPERT SERVICES, TRAINING MATERIALS, PARTIAL LOCAL SUPPORT COSTS. THIS PHASE WOULD PROBABLY BEGIN IN JULY.

C) FBSI COOP FIELD TECHNICIANS WOULD THEN BE ASSIGNED IN FOUR MAN TEAMS TO DEVELOP CREDIT UNIONS AND PILOT PROJECTS APPROPRIATE TO LOCAL CIRCUMSTANCES. THIS PHASE WOULD PROBABLY HAVE OCCASIONAL AAFLI FIELD SUPERVISION. BASIC PROJECT CALLS FOR THEM TO CONDUCT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EVENING COOPERATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR A THREE TO SIX MONTH PERIOD TO ENSURE PROPER CONDUCT OF PILOT PROJECTS. ESTIMATED AAFLI COST \$1500.

D) CONCURRENT WITH EVENING EDUCATION PROGRAMS FBSI WOULD CONDUCT FEASIBILITY STUDY ON RECOMMENDED PILOT PROJECTS INCLUDING ESTABLISHMENT OF CREDIT UNIONS IN URBAN AREAS, MARKETING COOPERATIVES AND VOCATIONAL

TRAINING. THIS STUDY WOULD BE REVIEWED AND EVALUATED BY AAFLI. ESTIMATED COST OF EACH OF FOUR PROJECTS IS \$5,000 FOR LOCAL SUPPORT AND ADVISORY SERVICES, FOR A TOTAL OF \$20,000.

E) AAFLI PROJECTS A SECOND ONE MONTH COURSE IN OCTOBER OR NOVEMBER FOR ADDITIONAL TWENTY- FIVE PERSONS TO BE FOLLOWED WITH EVENING EDUCATION PROGRAM IN SAME PATTERN AS OUTLINED IN C ABOVE. ESTIMATED COST \$5,000.

F) ADDITIONAL SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS INCLUDE REFERENCE WORKS AND EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS ON SUBJECT OF COOPERATIVES AND APPROPRIATE PROGRAM OPERATIONS. MINOR ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT MAY BE NEEDED. ESTIMATED COST \$2,000.

G) TOTAL ESTIMATED AAFLI COST OF A - F ABOVE \$33,300.

6. BEYOND INITIAL ACTIVITIES DISCUSSED ABOVE, AAFLI, THROUGH FBSI, PROJECTS LIMITED COOPERATIVES PROJECT SUPPORT TO A MAJOR PORTION OF FBSI CONSTITUENT UNIONS. (NOTE: FINAL NUMBER OF FBSI CONSTITUENT UNIONS NOT YET KNOWN. FBSI PLANS ARE TO HAVE 20.) IN ADDITION, SOME SUGGESTIONS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR AAFLI SUPPORT OF AGRICULTURAL WORKERS AND FISHERMEN' S PROJECTS. THESE ACTIVITIES INSUFFICIENTLY WORKED OUT FOR FINANCING AT THIS TIME. FOLLOW- UP, FURTHER CONSIDERATION AND MISSION APPROVAL WILL BE DEFERRED PENDING SATISFACTORY LAUNCHING OF PILOT PROGRAMS.

7. MISSION BELIEVES AAFLI CAN PLAY A HELPFUL ROLE AND THAT ITS PLANS SHOULD BE SUPPORTED. WE CONCUR IN THE PROPOSED USE OF AID/ W REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUNDS FOR AN AAFLI PROGRAM AS OUTLINED PARA 5 ABOVE.

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